



Joseph C. Borrillo

January 1, 1933 - September 10, 2025

Joseph Cosimo Borrillo of Chesterfield, Michigan, passed away September 10, 2025 at the age of 92 after declining health related to cancer. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and four children singing one of his favorite hymns, When we All Get to Heaven. Born at home on January 1, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan, he was the son of Italian immigrants, Michael and Grace Borrillo. He graduated from Wilbur Wright High School and also was a long time student of business at Wayne State University. While serving in the army, Joe was stationed for two years in Japan during the Korean war. He was a faithful employee of Detroit Edison for 47 years, and a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Rochester. He is survived by his beloved wife (of 63 years) Arleen Borrillo, his children David Borrillo (April), Grace Holdom (Philip), Beth Litke (Jeff), and Tammie Carollo (Peter), grandchildren Brandon Borrillo (Prerana), Christina Borrillo, Chandler Borrillo (Kayla), Nathan Holdom, Anthony Holdom (Gabriela), Luke Holdom, Evan Litke, Ben Litke, Ryan Litke, Patrick Carollo (Riley), and Sophia Carollo, great grandchildren Enzo 4 years, Kavi 2 years, Estella 2 years, and Tara 10 months. He is also survived by his older sister Mary Paratore and younger sister Ruth Coleman.

Details for Joseph Borrillo

Sunday, September 14, 2025 Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd.
Utica, MI 48317

Visitation and Viewing

1-2PM Immediate Family

2-5PM Friends and Extended Family

Monday, September 15, 2025 First Baptist Church of Rochester 6377 Orion Rd. Rochester Hills, Michigan 48306

11AM-12PM Visitation and Viewing

12-1PM Memorial Service

1-1:15PM Military Honors

1:15 Lunch for attendees at First Baptist of Rochester

~ Livestream Link for funeral services ~ https://boxcast.tv/view/joseph-borrillo-memorial-service-mgj01xwimvogc5e8ohol?_gl=1*18myz8l*_gcl_au*NjgyOTUxOTMxLjE3NTc2MzU4MjYuNjg2MzU4MzU4MzU4MTc1NzYzNTk0Mg..*_ga*MTI4ODM3NzQ3Ny4xNzU3NjM1ODI2*_ga_PXBBF7HVWQ*czE3NTc2MzU4MjYkbzEkZzEkdDE3NTc2MzU5NTgkajQzJGwwJGgw

Thursday, September 18, 2025 Great Lakes Memorial Cemetery 4200 Belford Rd. Holly, MI 48442

Gravesite burial for family only.

Memorial contributions may be made to Compassion International. You may choose a gift from their Gift Catalog online at <https://compassion.com/charitable-gift-catalog.htm>. You can review the available gifts by selecting Gifts by Category or selecting View All Gifts, choose the gift you would like to give, then enter the gift amount and click the Add to Cart button to complete the check out process. You will then be given the opportunity to select and personalize a card that you can send to the recipient.

You can also send a donation to the fund of your choice and indicate the gift is being given "in Memory of" or "in Honor of" and the recipient's name to:

Compassion International

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Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Compassion will then mail you a card that you may send to the appropriate recipient.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Visitation

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Rochester
6377 Orion Rd
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Joseph C. Borrillo Livestream Funeral Service in memory of Joseph C. Borrillo*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - September 12, 2025 at 07:11 AM

EK

“ *Joe along with Arleen were always welcoming to me as a guest at thanksgiving over at Mike and Mary's. One time in the late eighties joe, Mike and I had a hot pepper eating contest. They were sure that one of them would be able to beat this Scottish girl with no problem since we were known for bland food. But I won, without the aid of bread like them. They were so happy to find another pepper person. We laughed and shared dinner and made me feel a real part of God's family. What love abounds in their homes is the true love of Christ our savior.*

Elizabeth kohler - September 15, 2025 at 10:36 AM

TC

I love the joy in the story! Thank you so much for sharing this 😊

tammie carollo - September 17, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JF

“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children” (Proverbs 13:32a) and “Children’s children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.” (Proverbs 17:6) were certainly on full display at Uncle Joe’s viewing yesterday as all attending saw and felt the light and kindness of Jesus exuded in Joe’s children and grandchildren - then to realize the volume of Uncle Joe’s similar fruit in the lives of his spiritual ‘children’ and ‘grandchildren’ hearing many stories of those in attendance (and knowing there were more who could not make it) - WOW! I want to live my life for Jesus like Uncle Joe. May we all carry his torch for all our days and may we all be comforted and empowered by the Holy Spirit!

Jonathan and Sarah Coleman & Family - September 15, 2025 at 08:26 AM

TC

Thank you for your kind words and being with us in person. We felt up held by your love and support.

tammie carollo - September 17, 2025 at 12:07 PM



I was born in 1933 and went to Campau school in Detroit with a Joseph Borrillo. Could this be the person?

Kay Richards - October 17, 2025 at 12:28 AM

SS

“Mike and I would like to offer our sincere condolences to the entire family. We will always remember Joe as the kind man with the big smile and hug. We will be praying for our dear sister in the Lord, Arlene who has been a mentor and a friend. In addition for all his dear children who we think so highly of as well as his grandchildren. We are so happy that Joe was a believer and is now safely home in the arms of Jesus.

Sue Sikorski - September 14, 2025 at 06:10 PM

TC

Beautiful Sue thank you for sharing! We appreciate you💜

tammie carollo - September 14, 2025 at 10:24 PM

GH

Thank you Sue, your comments and prayers are very appreciated.

Grace Holdom - September 15, 2025 at 07:49 AM

GH

“ He was such a sweet man and had a wonderful heart for Jesus. He will be deeply missed. Praying for peace and comfort ❤️

Gabriela Holdom - September 12, 2025 at 11:46 AM

GH

Thank you Gabriela, you've been a blessing to him and our family as well. We appreciate the continued prayers.

Grace Holdom - September 15, 2025 at 07:50 AM



“ dearest friends..my heart is deeply sad to learn of the passing of your precious father. i have sweet memories of his loving smile and tender spirit. may you know the loving arms of our Shepherd Jesus wrapped tightly around u. with love for your most special family. ❤️

Susan Hoffmeyer - September 11, 2025 at 10:52 PM

AB

Thank you so much

Arleen Borrillo - September 11, 2025 at 11:34 PM

GH

Thank you so much for reaching out all of us. We appreciate the love and support

Grace Holdom - September 15, 2025 at 07:50 AM